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REPORT OF THE THIRTEENTH MEETING OF THE INTER-AGENCY CO-ORDINATING COMMITTEE (IACC) ON THE SECOND UNITED NATIONS TRANSPORT AND COMMUNICATIONS DECADE IN AFRICA 1991-2000

Addis Ababa, (Ethiopia) 29-30 June 1989

A. Organization

1. The 13th IACC meeting took place at the ECA Headquarters in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia on 29 and 30 June 1989.

B. Participation

2. The following United Nations bodies, Specialized Agencies and African Inter-Governmental Organizations were represented at the meeting: Universal Postal Union (UPU), Union of African Railways (UAR), World Bank, Organization of African Unity (OAU), United Nations Development Programme (UNDP), African Development Bank (ADB), World Meteorological Organization (WMO), Union of National Radio and Television Organizations in Africa (URTNA), United Nations Conference on Trade and Development (UNCTAD), African Civil Aviation Commission (AFCAC), West African Economic Community (WAEC), International Labour Organization (ILO), International Telecommunication Union (ITU), Port Management Association of West and Central Africa (PMAWCA), International Association of Lighthouse Authorities (IALA), International Maritime Organization (IMO), Preferential Trade Aread (PTA), World Health Organization (WHO), United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO), Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), African Airlines Association (AFRAA), Ministerial Conference of West and Central African States on Maritime Transport (MINCONMAR).

C. Opening of the Meeting

3. The meeting was officially opened by the Executive Secretary of the Economic Commission for Africa, Professor Adebayo Adedeji, who also chaired it.

4. In his opening statement the Executive Secretary recalled that the twelfth meeting had been successful and everyone who had attended it showed great enthusiasm. That meeting had started to focus on the burning issues of transport and communications and had produced rough, but fairly well-elaborated, drafts of the objectives, strategies and guidelines for UNTACDA Two. The purpose of the thirteenth meeting, therefore, was to finalize the drafts.

5. Among the documents to be considered by the meeting were the reports of the two sub-committees that had met prior to the IACC, namely, the Committee on Criteria for the Admission of Projects into UNTACDA Two Programme and the Resource Mobilization Committee. The documents emanating from these two committees would have a strong bearing in the final strategy for the preparation and implementation of UNTACDA Two programme.

6. The objectives, strategies and guidelines for the preparation of the Second Decade programme stressed, as the fundamental point, the need to have the conception and preparation of the Decade programme decentralized. This meant that African Governments should take the responsibility for their own national investment programmes while agencies would be accountable only for multinational pre-investment projects for which they had the resources and/or the expertise to implement. This position contrasted sharply with the one

which obtained during UNTACDA One when the lead agency was expected to take responsibility for all the projects contained in the Decade programme while the other agencies only sought to maximize the resources that could flow to them as a result of the Decade.

7. The new position had very serious implications for the manner in which the projects would be introduced into the Decade programme and would be executed. Basically, it meant that the UNTACDA Two programme would consist of national projects which are aimed at achieving the agreed regional objectives, and of subregional and regional projects which the agencies would formulate and for which they could find the necessary resources, either from their own regular budgets or from extra-budgetary resources, and for whose implementation they would take full responsibility.

8. The new approach to the implementation of the Decade programme placed a heavy responsibility on all, including the governments. ECA had always taken its role of lead agency very seriously and intended to continue to do so in UNTACDA Two.

D. Account of the proceedings

Adoption of the Agenda and Organization of Work

9. The following agenda was adopted.

- Opening of the meeting
- Adoption of the Agenda and programme of work
- Adoption of the report of 12th IACC meeting
- Objectives, Strategy and Guidelines for the preparation of UNTACDA II programme
- Report of the Resource Mobilization Committee
- Report of the Steering Committee on criteria for project selection in the UNTACDA II programme.
- Draft agenda of the 7th Meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning.
- Date and venue of the 14th IACC meeting
- Any other Business
- Adoption of the report
- Closure of the meeting.

10. It was also agreed that the meeting should have the following programme of work:

Morning: 9 a.m. - 1 p.m.

Afternoon 3 p.m. - 6 p.m.

E. Objectives, Strategy and Guidelines

11. The representative of ECA Secretariat introduced the document DEC/TRANSCOM/67/Rev.3 which was prepared on the basis of the comments received from some of the agencies and IGO's on the on the original draft. Comments received before the deadline of May 1989 were from UNDP, UNCTAD, UAR, World Bank, CEPGL, ITU and AFCAC. During the introduction of the document those who had not been able to send comments before the deadline were requested to do so during the meeting. Thus further comments were made which resulted in further improvements to the document. A drafting Committee was formed composed of ECA, OAU, World Bank, UNDP, UAR to review the document and to ensure that all comments were incorporated.

Regarding the presentation of the document (DEC/TRANSCOM/67/Rev.3) it was agreed that the document be reduced to 4 chapters only with the rest of the historical and background material appearing as annexes.

F. Report of the Resource Mobilization Committee

12. The ECA Secretariat which chaired the meeting introduced the report of the Resource Mobilization Committee. The report was discussed and after some amendments was accepted and would be presented to the 7th Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning. The Resource Mobilization Committee was composed of ECA, World Bank, UNDP, ADB and OAU.

G. Report of the Steering Committee on criteria for project selection in the UNTACDA II progamme

13. A representative of the Trans-African Highway Authority (TAHA) who had chaired the meeting introduced the report. The committee was composed of TAHA, UAR, PTA, and Mr. S. Butler in an individual capacity. ECOWAS and ECASS who were also members had not been able to attend. The report was discussed and it was considered that it needed to be improved by showing the linkages between the objectives of UNTACDA II and the criteria suggested for approval. It was agreed that criteria for selecting projects should contain the roles to be played by the different actors such as National Governments, subregional organizations, U.N. Specialized Agencies etc. It was finally agreed that ADB, World Bank, UNDP and ECA should join the committee and propose a more comprehensive set of criteria. It was agreed that the enlarged Committee would meet on 31 October and 1 November 1989 in Tangiers, Morocco.

H. Draft Agenda of the 7th Meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning.

14. The Chairman informed the meeting that the Government of Morocco had agreed to host the 7th meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of

Transport, Communications and Planning between 14 and 16 November 1989 to be preceeded by the Experts meeting between 7 and 11 November 1989. In this connection, the following draft agenda prepared by ECA secretariat was introduced and agreed upon:

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of work
4. General Debate
5. Consideration of the Report of the Meeting of Experts
6. Any other business
7. Date and venue of the next meeting of the Conference
8. Adoption of the Report and closure of the meeting.

15. For the Experts Meeting the following Agenda was adopted.

1. Opening of the meeting
2. Election of officers
3. Adoption of the Agenda and Programme of work
4. Progress Report on the preparation of UNTACDA II programme
5. UNTACDA II Objectives, Strategies and Guidelines for the preparation of the programme
6. Criteria for selection of projects for inclusion in the Decade programme
7. Progress report on SSATP
8. Report of the African Ministers of Civil Aviation on the Yamoussoukro Declaration
9. Report of the Special Meeting of the African Ministers of Maritime Transport
10. Report of the Second African Road Safety Congress
11. Report of the Combined Meeting of Trans-African Highway Authorities
12. Report of the 12th, 13th and 14th Meetings of the Inter-Agency Co-ordinating Committee (IACC) on UNTACDA II on matters not yet covered
13. Any other business
14. Data and venue of the next meeting of the Conference
15. Adoption of the report and closure of the meeting.

I. Date and venue of the 14th IACC Meeting

16. It was agreed that the 14th IACC Meeting would take place from 4-5 November 1989 in Tangiers, Morocco.

J. Any other Business

17. There was no other business raised.

K. Adoption of the report

18. A representative of UNDP who had chaired the Drafting Committee for the document containing the Objectives, Strategy and Guidelines presented the Committee's report. After considerable discussion the document was adopted and will be submitted to the 7th meeting of the Conference of African Ministers of Transport, Communications and Planning.

L. Closure of the Meeting

19. The meeting was officially closed by Prof. Adebayo Adedeji, Executive Secretary of ECA, on 30 June 1989. In doing so he thanked all the participants for their contribution and assured the meeting that ECA was determined to play its role as Lead Agency and requested all members to give ECA their assistances when called upon to do so.